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FARM LABOR

FARM LABOR WAGE RATES, PACIFIC REGION & UNITED STATES 1/2/

Month/ Year	Number of Workers 3/			Hours Worked 3/		
	Pacific	California	United States	Pacific	California	United States
	1,000 Workers			Hours Per Week		
Jan 2003	48	235	729	37.7	40.8	37.7
Apr	52	220	781	40.3	43.1	40.1
Jul	110	225	943	36.3	45.7	39.8
Oct	76	230	891	37.6	42.7	40.2
Jan 2004	41	190	662	38.2	41.8	38.1
Apr	64	182	753	40.2	45.0	39.9
Jul	112	218	961	37.3	44.6	39.2
Oct	68	200	851	39.3	45.0	40.5
Jan 2005	38	143	589	35.9	40.1	37.0
Apr	64	182	753	40.2	45.0	39.9
Jul	109	*206	*936	39.3	*45.3	40.6
Oct	76	181	840	43.1	44.7	42.0

Month/ Year	WAGE RATES 3/											
	Field			Livestock			Field & Livestock			All		
	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.
	Dollars Per Hour											
Jan '03	8.63	8.22	8.30	9.93	10.10	8.90	8.87	8.46	8.50	9.71	9.44	9.34
Apr	8.82	8.33	8.40	9.28	10.15	8.75	8.90	8.48	8.49	9.34	9.22	9.16
Jul	8.03	8.43	8.17	10.95	9.65	8.57	8.32	8.55	8.26	8.74	9.22	8.88
Oct	8.90	8.37	8.42	10.10	9.80	8.64	9.11	8.54	8.47	9.62	9.13	9.05
Jan '04	8.58	8.41	8.39	9.31	9.25	8.83	8.78	8.54	8.55	9.82	9.47	9.41
Apr	8.87	8.46	8.56	10.78	9.60	9.14	9.23	8.76	8.72	9.95	9.48	9.35
Jul	8.88	8.41	8.34	8.90	9.91	8.74	8.88	8.60	8.43	9.25	9.26	9.04
Oct	9.32	8.43	8.62	9.23	9.57	8.91	9.31	8.63	8.69	9.81	9.33	9.32
Jan '05	9.32	8.56	8.71	9.90	9.93	9.20	9.39	8.86	8.90	10.33	9.82	9.78
Apr	8.87	8.62	8.56	10.78	9.69	9.14	9.23	8.76	8.72	9.95	9.48	9.35
Jul	8.60	*8.76	*8.61	10.67	*10.66	*9.26	8.80	*9.00	8.78	9.21	*9.68	*9.38
Oct	8.96	9.21	8.90	9.58	10.40	9.14	9.00	9.36	8.96	9.62	10.12	9.61

1/ Pacific Region includes Washington and Oregon. * Revised.

2/ United States excludes Alaska.

3/ All hired farm workers and wage rates includes supervisor/manager and other workers which are not published separately.
The farm labor reference week is the week that included the 12th of the month.

CATTLE ON FEED, 1,000 HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, 2005

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
Cattle on Feed, Oct. 1 1/	270	153	10,482
Placed on Feed During Oct.	76	34	2,795
Fed Cattle Marketed During Oct.	55	23	1,744
Other Disappearances during Oct. 2/	1	1	58
Cattle on Feed, Nov. 1 1/	290	163	11,475

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

* Revised

LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION

Washington's egg production totaled 112 million during October 2005, 11 million less than the 123 million produced in 2004. All layers in Washington during October 2005 totaled 5,024,000, up less than 1.0 percent from a year ago. Four percent of the layers were being molted as of November 1, while 41.0 percent of all the layers had completed at least one molting in their lifetime. United States egg production totaled 7.70 billion during October 2005, up 1.0 percent from the 7.66 billion produced in 2004. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs. All layers in the United States during October 2005 totaled 344.0 million layers, down 1.0 percent from a year ago. Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during October totaled 35.4 million, up 1 percent from October 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.1 million on November 1, 2005, down 11.0 percent from a year ago.

LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION OCTOBER 2004-05, SELECTED STATES

State & Year 1/		All Layers 2/	Eggs Per 100 Layers 2/	Egg Production	November 1 3/	
					Being Molted	Molt Complete 1/
		Thousand	Number	Million	Percent	
California	2004	20,578	2,289	471	5.0	34.0
	2005	19,629	2,216	435	3.5	36.0
Oregon	2004	2,974	2,387	71	4.0	31.5
	2005	2,893	2,454	71	4.5	37.0
Washington	2004	5,017	2,452	123	10.0	42.5
	2005	5,024	2,229	112	4.0	41.0
United States	2004	345,056	2,220	7,659	4.2	23.7
	2005	344,043	2,239	7,703	3.1	24.2

1/ 2005 preliminary, 2004 revised.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table eggs and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ As of the first of the month.



Apples (Regular & Controlled Atmosphere) Stocks in Cold Storage, October 31

State	October 31					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1,000 Pounds						
Washington	4,450,003	3,700,000	3,990,000	3,700,000	4,700,000	4,400,000
New York	321,342	309,834	214,536	506,100	352,590	279,846
Michigan	416,923	484,244	237,062	438,345	336,351	351,515
Pennsylvania	254,385	342,831	222,436	291,284	280,000	259,434
Other States	905,200	727,453	584,517	571,866	621,713	530,856
United States	6,347,853	5,564,362	5,248,551	5,507,595	6,290,654	5,821,651

COLD STORAGE

Washington State has always lead the United States in apple production and apple stocks. Over the past three decades, October 31 stocks have risen from slightly less than half of the U.S. total to over three quarters. October 31 apple stocks in New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania have remained fairly steady since 1970.

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on October 31, 2005, totaled 5.82 billion pounds, (138.6 million boxes). The quantity in storage was down 7 percent from last year's level. Frozen French fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast States and eight Mountain States on October 31, 2005, totaled 705.4 million pounds, and accounted for 73 percent of the nation's French fries in storage.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Oct. 31, 2004	Sep. 30, 2005	Oct. 31, 2005
1,000 Pounds			
Apples, Fresh			
Regular Storage	1,595,369	1,009,941	1,563,343
Controlled Atmosphere	4,695,285	1,968,279	4,258,308
48 State Total	6,290,654	2,978,220	5,821,651
Potatoes, French Fries			
Mountain	237,381	182,743	193,746
Pacific	463,456	486,561	511,688
48 States	1,000,376	932,179	963,069
Potatoes, Total			
Mountain	297,903	237,100	249,006
Pacific	588,639	596,117	617,773
48 States	1,274,867	1,180,358	1,204,596

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Washington state during October 2005 totaled 470 million pounds, 27 million pounds more than in October 2004. September production, at 465 million pounds, was 26 million pounds higher than September 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,925 pounds for October, which was 30 pounds higher than 2004. The number of cows on farms in Washington was 244,000 head, 10,000 head more than October 2004.

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Oregon	Washington	23 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Oct. 2004	434	120	234	8,103
	Sep. 2005 *	469	121	243	8,157
	Oct. 2005	470	121	244	8,161
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Oct. 2004	1,800	1,575	1,895	1,583
	Sep. 2005 *	1,850	1,550	1,915	1,594
	Oct. 2005	1,880	1,590	1,925	1,636
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Oct. 2004	781	189	443	12,824
	Sep. 2005 *	868	188	465	13,005
	Oct. 2005	884	192	470	13,353

1/ AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, & WI.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

* Revised.

